



# CITY OF LODI

## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Naming of Armory Park Ball Field the Tom Chapman Field

MEETING DATE: May 1, 1996

PREPARED BY: Parks and Recreation Director

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RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council support the naming of the Armory Park ball field the Tom Chapman Field.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Mr. Tom Chapman has worked as a part time employee for the City of Lodi for more than 23 years as an umpire-in-chief for adult softball and tournaments, head games official, gym field supervisor for adult basketball, and coordinating umpire for the Boosters of Boys/Girls Sports Junior Olympic Girls Softball program. Additionally, he has been very active in the Amateur Softball Association representing Lodi at regional and national conferences and served the Greater San Joaquin Metro.

Initially, the Adult Sports Advisory Board recommended renaming the Softball Complex to the Tom Chapman Softball Complex. The Parks and Recreation Commission was not in favor of this, however they were unanimously in favor of naming the ball field at Armory Park in Mr. Chapman's honor. The Parks and Recreation staff support this recommendation.

Mr. Chapman is very ill. It is hoped that he will be honored at a benefit dinner Sunday, May 5, 1996 with the naming of this ball field at Armory Park.

FUNDING: \$950 (estimated cost of sign) from Recreation Division operating funds and/or private donations.

Ron Williamson, Director Parks and Recreation

RW/sb

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

H. DIXON FLYNN  
City Manager



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**MEMORANDUM, City of Lodi, Parks and Recreation Department**

**To:** Parks and Recreation Commissioners

**From:** Ron Williamson, Parks and Recreation Director

**Date:** April 18, 1996

**Subject:** Naming the Softball Complex the "Tom Chapman Softball Complex"

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Mike Reese, our recreation supervisor who coordinates the adult sports programs and the Adult Sports Advisory Board, has asked that the Softball Complex, 401 N. Stockton Street, be renamed the **Tom Chapman Softball Complex** per the Adult Sports Advisory Board's request and his recommendation (see attached memo.)

As you know, Mr. Chapman is very sick. He has served the city since 1973, involving himself as umpire-in-chief, basketball manager, and program field/gym supervisor. He has made adult sports what they are today - a major program block that all of Lodi is proud of and is known throughout the state and region.

A benefit dinner will be held **Sunday, May 5, at the Tokay Bowl Tiki Room**. We would like to announce the renaming of the facility at this affair and possibly present a painted sign to be located later in the park.

I am asking each of you to phone in your vote (aye or no) to Susan or myself by **Wednesday, April 24**. If you approve this request, I will fast track it to the City Manager and City Council.

We very much would like to meet the May 5 dinner as Mr. Chapman is not doing well and may not be with us this summer. I think you understand.

You may ask the question - do I have the right to do this, what is the procedure, etc. We have Peterson Park, Salas Park, David Reese Administrative Building, Marilyn E. Field Swim Complex to name a few. It gets down to what we want to do, who we want to honor and really when, as shown by the City Council in renaming Westgate Park to Peterson Park.

Thank you for your interest. Please call me at 333-6742 with your vote by April 24, noon.

RW:sb



**MEMORANDUM, City of Lodi, Parks and Recreation Department**

**To: Ron Williamson**

**From: Michael S. Reese, Recreation Supervisor 333-6800 x450**

**Date: 4-18-96**

**Subject: Adult Board's recommendation for Tom Chapman**

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The Adult Sports Advisory Board has unanimously recommended that the adult softball complex on North Stockton Street be renamed the Tom Chapman Softball Complex.

Tom Chapman began work as a sports official for the City of Lodi in 1973. He became the softball umpire in chief in 1980, as well as the Head Official in basketball. Tom is at the park every night for league games, making sure all the officials have arrived, getting substitutes if needed, and handling problems as they arise. He also manages the softball complex on weekends throughout our tournament season.

He has been instrumental in the training of our sports officials, as well as ASA umpires throughout the Greater San Joaquin Metro. Through his efforts, Lodi umpires are invited to championship tournaments across the nation.

Tom has not only been a valuable employee, but a fine ambassador to all of our local teams and visiting tournament teams.

RESOLUTION NO. 96-41

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL  
RENAMING ARMORY PARK BALL FIELD  
TO THE "TOM CHAPMAN FIELD"

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RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Lodi does hereby rename Armory Park Ball Field, situated in the area of Stockton and Washington Streets, Lodi, California , as the "TOM CHAPMAN FIELD."

Dated: May 1, 1996

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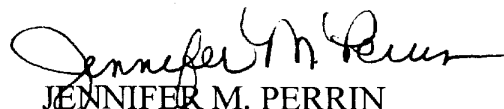
I hereby certify that Resolution No. 96-41 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held May 1, 1996, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS - Mann, Pennino, Sieglock  
and Warner (Mayor)

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS - Davenport

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS - None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS - None

  
JENNIFER M. PERRIN  
City Clerk